

JOHNSON OFFERS TRANSFERS BILL

District Chairman Will Introduce Substitute Measure Drawn by Darr.

HEARING ON THURSDAY

Representative Ben Johnson, of Kentucky, chairman of the House District Committee, will today introduce in the House the bill drawn by Charles W. Darr as a substitute for the measure which passed the Senate. It is the plan of the House District Committee at the present time to report favorably the measure drawn by Darr and turn down the Senate bill, which is said to be indefinite and lacking in the strength of its substitute.

New Measure Specific.

So far the bill has only been read by a few members of the committee and some of the delegates of the citizens' conference on universal transfers. The measure specifically requires all street car companies to issue transfers. The Senate measure, some of the House members declare, is so vague that it is impossible to tell whether it is intended to embrace in subsequent clauses.

For the purpose of giving the measure the fullest publicity, the House District Committee will hold next Thursday night at 8 o'clock a special meeting on the Senate bill and the substitute, to which the public will be asked. At this meeting a determined effort will be made to obtain a quorum of the committee—something which has been lacking for several weeks.

Hearing Thursday Night.

The announcement of the Thursday night meeting came at the proposed hearing yesterday morning, when Chairman Johnson, with Representative Dyer, of Missouri, and Lobeck, of Nebraska, waited for more than an hour for a quorum. At the end of the meeting Representative Dyer promised to see that the minority members, with Victor Berger, the Socialist committeeman, were present, while Representative Lobeck agreed to convene the Democrats.

DATE FOR WAR SHIP CAUCUS.

The Democrats of the House will caucus to-morrow night on the question of battle ships and public buildings appropriations, which were taken up at a former caucus. Representative Burleson, chairman of the Democratic caucus, issued a call yesterday for a party caucus at 8 o'clock, and the call mentions both battle ships and public buildings.

The second caucus is the result of a change in sentiment among the Democrats of the House regarding their former action, when it was decided that no battle ships and no public buildings should be authorized at this session.

WILEY RESOLUTION FAILS IN SENATE

Martine's Plan to Congratulate Pure Food Expert Sent to Committee.

The plan of Senator Martine by which the Senate was to declare itself in favor of the policies of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, and, by inference, oppose the doctrine of his opponents, fell through yesterday afternoon when a motion was made to refer the Senate resolution to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

Senator Martine, in his resolution, expressed for the Senate deep regret that Dr. Wiley had found it necessary to resign, and expressed confidence in his long and splendid service and administration of the pure food laws. The resolution was so worded as to create the impression that the Senate stood with Dr. Wiley in any controversy which might hereafter arise.

In view of the fact that the House Committee on Agriculture has already threatened to investigate the entire Wiley-McCabe feud, the Senate deemed it advisable not to side in the matter. With the resolution in committee, it will probably die a quiet and uneventful death with the ending of the present session.

STEPHENSON VOTE IN SENATE TO-DAY

Body Will Decide Whether Wisconsin Solon Shall Retain His Seat.

The Senate yesterday took up again the case of Senator Isaac Stephenson, of Wisconsin, whose right to his seat has been under investigation by the Privileges and Elections Committee. The vote on Senator Stephenson's resolution holding Senator Stephenson to have been properly elected and entitled to his seat will be taken probably to-day and it is confidently expected by friends of Mr. Stephenson that he will win easily. It is contended that the opposition will number not more than thirty votes in favor of unseating him.

Senator Reed, of Missouri, opened the debate in opposition to Senator Stephenson. He spoke for nearly three hours, at the end of which the Senate recessed until 1:30 o'clock to-day. Senators Root, of Idaho, Sutherland, of Utah, Kenyon, of Iowa, and possibly Lee of Tennessee, expect to discuss the case before the vote is taken. This may prolong the session far into the night, unless a recess is taken.

Senator Stephenson was nominated in a Senatorial primary in Wisconsin and admitted to having expended \$107,000 in the primary to win the nomination. The fight on his right to his seat is based upon this expenditure.

EVERGLADES CHARGE DENIED BY M'CABE

Solicitor George McCabe of the Agricultural Department, offered a defense for Secretary Wilson late yesterday afternoon, before the Everglades committee, and produced witnesses to refute the testimony of Elliott and Marchese, given before the investigators, that a report showing fraud had been suppressed.

Denial was made by C. G. Elliott, former chief drainage engineer of the Department of Agriculture on the stand in the Everglades hearing earlier in the day, that he had any thing to do directly or indirectly with the suppression of the department's report on the submerged Florida lands.

Elliott declared he believed J. O. Wright, the engineer who prepared the department's Everglades report, to be incompetent.

I. C. C. CONSIDERS COAL STRIKE BILL

Lee Measure Sent from House to Commission for an Opinion Following Hearing.

The Lee bill proposing to extend the Federal act to coal mine owners and operators was sent yesterday to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Commission of Labor, and Judge Knapp, of the Commerce Court, by the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The committee asks a recommendation from these officials regarding the Lee plan to prevent it, possible the pending coal strike.

Representative Lee appeared before a special meeting of a subcommittee of the Interstate Commerce Committee yesterday and urged prompt action on his bill. He pointed out that arbitration under the Federal act is not compulsory, and that neither faction in the coal strike crisis ought to object to an attempt at mediation. The House committee will take action on the Lee bill as soon as it hears from the officials addressed, who are expected to favor the proposed legislation.

CLARK ENTERS BAY STATE PRIMARIES

Gov. Foss Not a Candidate in Massachusetts—Speaker's Friends Hopeful.

Speaker Clark's name as a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination will go upon the primary ballots in Massachusetts. The determination to present Mr. Clark as a candidate in the Bay State was made only after Gov. Foss had declared positively that he would not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination, and would not permit his name to go before the voters in the primaries. The Massachusetts primaries will be held on April 28.

A poll of the Democratic members of Congress from Massachusetts shows three of the four unqualified for the Speaker's nomination.

Representative James M. Curley, of Boston, who represents the Tenth Massachusetts district, returned to Washington yesterday. While in Boston he held a long conference with Gov. Foss, at which the governor declared that he would make public announcement that he would not be a candidate for the Speaker's nomination.

Mr. Curley spent several days in different parts of Massachusetts, and yesterday he made the declaration that "Champ Clark would sweep the slate in the April primaries." He held conferences with numerous Democratic leaders, and nearly every prominent Democrat in all parts of Massachusetts is favorable to the nomination of Mr. Clark.

PROBE OF INDIAN OFFICE ORDERED

A thorough investigation of the Indian Office is authorized in a resolution passed yesterday by the House Committee on Expenditures in the Interior Department.

The inquiry will be conducted under the direction of Representative Graham, of Illinois, chairman of the committee. It is the purpose of Chairman Graham to send subcommittees to a number of Western reservations, notably Oklahoma, where it is charged the Indians have been defrauded of lands and money through corrupt practices.

NORTHEAST LOOP FOR STREET CARS

Gallinger Bill Authorizing Track Extensions Introduced in the Senate by Curtis.

What represents a step on the part of the Senate to aid in the plans of the District Commissioners for a better car service in Washington was presented yesterday when Senator Curtis, acting for Chairman Gallinger, of the District Committee, introduced a bill authorizing the construction of a loop on the tracks where the Washington Railway and Electric and City and Suburban companies cars now operate in northeastern Washington.

The bill plans a loop, starting at Fifteenth street northeast and running north and south from H to East Capitol streets. It is designed to construct a single track with underground conduit from the eastern terminus of the East Capitol street line at Fifteenth street northeast to H street; to construct a similar track from H street northeast along Fourteenth street down to East Capitol street, and to extend the tracks of the City and Suburban line on C and D streets northeast from Thirteenth to Fifteenth streets.

The bill was originally prepared by Senator Gallinger. It was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, but probably will not be taken up until the committee has reached an agreement on the public utilities bill.

Taft Sends Nominations.

President Taft yesterday sent to the Senate the following nominations: Postmasters—Lars C. Chy, Fla.; David B. Rauters; Mulberry, Fla.; H. M. Murphy; Tennessee; E. L. George; Tennessee; George; N. Dak.; Elmer G. Houston; Timberlake, N. Dak.; James Reed. To be assistant agent Alaskan salmon fisheries—Ward T. Dwyer, of Michigan. To be chief clerk with rank of major in army—Timothy P. O'Keefe, of the Tenth Cavalry.

GOVERNMENT AUTO LIST FOR SENATE

Bristow Demands Names of Officials Using Vehicles Purchased by U. S.

PLANS EARLY REFORM

A general inquiry into the number of government-purchased automobiles and carriages operated by Federal or municipal officials was begun yesterday by the Senate. In a resolution which was passed, Senator Bristow asked the Interstate Commerce Commission, the District Commissioners, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the Public Printer, and the Civil Service Commission to forward to the Senate all information bearing on the cost, use, and need for the vehicles used by officials.

Part of Long Fight.

At that time Senator Bristow yesterday was the outcome of a long war he has waged on the alleged extravagance of the government in supplying officials with private vehicles. His last attack upon this practice occurred a week ago, during the consideration of the District Appropriation bill, when, on a point of order, he had stricken from the budget an item of \$2,100 providing for an automobile for the superintendent of schools of this city. At that time Senator Bristow sarcastically declared that "the streets were so crowded with government owned automobiles operated by private officials that the ordinary pedestrian had a hard time to get across the street."

New Law May Follow.

It is generally expected that when the several reports of the different officials entrusted in the Bristow resolution have been sent to the Senate, the Kansas will draw up a bill limiting the purchase and use of automobiles and carriages by the government. The resolutions applying to the different officials named all read as follows: "You are hereby directed to furnish the Senate a detailed statement of the number of carriages, vehicles, motorcycles, and automobiles owned by the government at government expense, and the purposes for which each individual carriage or vehicle is used, and the make of the car (if it is a motor car), also to report to the Senate the number of government employees who are employed or detailed as chauffeurs, drivers, or footmen for such carriages and automobiles, and how much of the time of these respective employees is devoted to that particular work; also report to whom the carriage or automobile is assigned."

WICKERSHAM PRODS SENATE'S DIGNITY

Attorney General's Refusal to Furnish Data Brings Protest from Bacon.

Attorney General Wickersham roused the sleeping "dignity of the Senate" by sending a letter to that body yesterday declining to send correspondence and other information relating to the International Harvester Company. The information was called for in a resolution introduced by Senator Luke Lea, of Tennessee, and passed March 18.

The letter from the Attorney General read in the Senate contained, among other things, the statement: "I am directed by the President to say that in my opinion it is not compatible with the public interest to furnish the information called for."

Senator Augustus Octavius Bacon, of Georgia, voiced the Senate's indignation as he has done on many occasions before. The Attorney General's letter in response to the resolution explained that the correspondence and other information relating to the International Harvester Company, now in the Department of Justice, part of which is made up of reports from the Bureau of Corporations, relates entirely to matters "pending and uncompleted" in the department.

Senator Bacon declared that the Senate's dignity had been affronted. "These executive departments should not forget their relations to the Congress of the United States," said the Senator. "They have not a power that they do not derive from Congress. They were created by Congress and Congress take away their powers. If there are reasons why the information cannot be furnished to the Senate, then that fact should be communicated to the Senate in a different tone than is shown in this letter."

ABE MARTIN SAYS:

I wonder how many governors it would take 't' git 't' colonel 't' express himself on 't' tariff? Everbuddy has 't' pay dearly for their pleasure, fer jist as soon as Miss Tawney Apple returns from a most delightful two weeks' visit at Seymour somebody from Seymour arrives for a most delightful two weeks' visit 't' her.

INDIANA AND NEW YORK HOLD STAGE TO-DAY

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It is not expected that the Roosevelt people will acquiesce in a Taft victory. The possibility of two State conventions instead of one and the effect such a disruption in the party would have on the election next November is causing considerable talk of a compromise by which the four delegates-at-large may be divided equally between the President and Taft Roosevelt.

It is believed that the Republican leaders in Indiana, realizing that President Taft's nomination does not depend on two delegates-at-large, who are glad to yield them to the other side if, by so doing, harmony might be restored and the party reunited. Such a suggestion does not necessarily emanate from Republican interests primarily in President Taft's success. That is only one consideration.

A State ticket is to be elected, and the members of Congress and various local officers. The Indiana Republicans have the State two years ago as the result of internal strife, and they may feel the necessity of trying to prevent a repetition of such a party disaster.

The delegates were organized and instructed for Roosevelt in that district, ex-Congressman Frederick Landis led the fight for Col. Roosevelt in that district. In the Fourth and Fifth districts President Taft prevailed easily and the Roosevelt men acquiesced, but in the Third district Roosevelt men bolted and held a separate convention, and the result will be a contesting delegation.

Taft Gets Six Delegates.

The Taft organization issued a statement on the situation in New York. "The indications are that Mr. Roosevelt is not the popular choice in New York for the Republican nomination for President."

Six Taft and two Roosevelt delegates to the Chicago convention were chosen in Indiana yesterday. The Taft forces won at the Third, Fourth and Fifth district conventions, each of which elected six delegates. The Roosevelt faction won in the Eleventh district, where two delegates and two alternates were elected. One Presidential elector and one contingent elector were nominated in each of the four districts. The First district elected two Taft delegates on March 15, and the Seventh district named two Taft men on March 16.

In the Third district at New Albany the Roosevelt faction held a separate convention and named contesting delegates for the national convention at Chicago.

BILL STOPS DELAY IN FREIGHT CLAIMS

Senator Chase, of Minnesota, chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, yesterday introduced a bill designed to prevent undue delay in the settlement of freight claims. The bill was drafted by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and was presented at the request of President Taft.

It is amendatory of the interstate commerce act, and provides that "it shall be the duty of every railroad or other common carrier subject to the interstate commerce act to settle the time of claims for loss of or injury to property or for overcharge of freight, or for delay in transportation thereof, or for unlawful discrimination in the furnishing of cars, or for any other breach of duty in respect to the carriage of freight in interstate commerce."

The bill provides a penalty of \$200 against any carrier failing to settle claims within six months after being held legally liable, together with interest at the rate of 6 percent on the amount of the claim.

SOUTH DAKOTA FOR TAFT.

Senator Gamble Says Opposition Is Divided.

Senator Gamble of South Dakota, told President Taft yesterday he would have the delegation from that State. The Senator who has returned from his home, declared the opposition to President Taft divided among itself and the Executive is gaining every day.

"I do not hesitate to say that the delegates from the State will be for Taft. I had any doubt about it, and my trip here convinced me my views were correct. The reasons for this are that President Taft is making immense gains in our State, as well as through the West, and the opposition to him is much divided, as it was in North Dakota. Roosevelt and La Follette will have tickets in the field, but Taft will defeat either man with ease."

GIST BLAIR IN CONTEST.

Will Be Candidate for Congress from Sixth Maryland District.

A new "progressive" has announced himself as a candidate for the House of Representatives from the Sixth Maryland district and has evinced his desire to occupy a seat in the House by asking the support of the people of Western Maryland on such a platform. The candidate is Gist Blair, of Montgomery County.

Mr. Blair has been looked upon as a prospective candidate for weeks, but his announcement dispels all doubt as to his attitude. His last venture was in the primaries of 1908, when he was defeated for the Republican nomination by Brainerd C. Warner, Jr., who had a majority of fewer than 500 votes. This time, Blair declares he is in the race in earnest, and will carry every one of the five counties in the Sixth election district in an effort to establish a following that will stand him in good stead in the May primary.

"I have definitely decided to contest for the nomination," says Blair. "I will qualify for a place on the ticket by the 16th of April."

The prospective candidate declares that he is for a primary system in Maryland, State, and local politics, and that he believes the people should have a voice in the nomination of their Congressional Senators, governors, and President. It is at work now reorganizing the force and is being supported by friends of Governor Goldsborough, with whose staff he is affiliated.

CALLS PRIMARIES A VICTORY

Senator Dixon Pleased with Illinoian Activity.

Senator Dixon telephoned from New York yesterday the following statement in reference to the action of Gov. Dixon in calling a special session of the Illinois legislature with a view to the enactment of a Presidential preference primary bill for Illinois: "This is a tremendous victory for popular government. Following upon the action of the Massachusetts legislature in passing a Presidential preference primary bill over the opposition of the Taft managers and in response to the overwhelming pressure of popular sentiment, it is one of the most significant political developments of the day."

TWO MORE STATES FAVOR GOV. WILSON

Congressmen Declare Maine and South Carolina Will Vote Solidly for Him.

Declarations by Senator Obadiah Gardner, of Maine, Representative McGillicuddy, of Maine, and Representative Johnson, of South Carolina, have convinced Woodrow Wilson's followers that he will carry all delegates from these States at the Baltimore convention.

Senator Gardner and Representative McGillicuddy, upon their return from the convention which nominated Mr. Wilson, declared that of twelve, eight are firmly for Wilson, and of the remaining four, none is definitely opposed to the New Jersey governor. They are themselves delegates.

Representative Johnson's statement is as follows: "Woodrow Wilson is certain to receive the solid vote of South Carolina at the Baltimore convention. It follows that the South Carolina Democracy belongs to the progressive wing of the party, and that as progressives they will support Gov. Wilson's candidacy. Beyond this support that comes to him as the progressive candidate, which I believe is strong enough to instruct the State delegation in Baltimore, Gov. Wilson has many supporters in South Carolina who regard him in the light of a favorite son candidate because of his four years' residence in the State, and because of his descent from the well-known Woodrow family of South Carolina."

MUTINY IS SOLVED.

Trouble Over Haitian Gunboat Ferryer About at an End.

The administration authorities yesterday decided that the demands of a ship's mutineers should be met. As the result of conferences held at the State Department by Senator Mendenhall, the Haitian Minister, and Capt. Berthoff, commandant of the Revenue-cutter Service, with Acting Secretary of State Wilson, the mutiny on board the Haitian gunboat Ferryer, at Charleston, S. C., apparently is settled.

The Haitian minister informed the State Department that, although the Ferryer was owned by his government, it was not responsible for the pay of the men, who are hired by Hatchman & Co., of New York and Philadelphia, who had contracted to fit out and navigate the vessel. The minister had demanded the men's pay of the contractors, but they refused, saying they had not received their own pay from the government.

Acting Secretary Wilson informed the minister that the boat would be retained in the harbor of Charleston until the mutiny was settled. Accordingly, the minister called his government for funds, and it is understood that they will be paid the men direct, instead of through the contractors.

CAR VICTIM TO RECOVER.

Miss Ida Schoeller, Her Life Despaired of, Regains Senses.

Despite the prediction of the surgeons that she had no chance for life, Miss Ida Schoeller, who was seriously injured about 7 o'clock Sunday night, when she was struck by a car at Benning road and Eleventh street, last night regained consciousness and showed signs of recovering.

Morris Rosendorf, of Georgetown, who was with Miss Schoeller when the car struck her, was by the bedside with her brother, Lewis Schoeller, a grocer at 1331 Benning road, when the girl regained her senses, opened her eyes, looked about the hospital, and asked what had happened.

Physicians at Casualty Hospital who performed an operation to relieve pressure from the brain a few minutes after she was admitted to the emergency room declare her recovery will be remarkable. She sustained a fracture of the skull, a large piece of bone being forced against the brain. The speedy operation is believed to have saved the life of the young woman.

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W. C. T. U. PROTESTS AGAINST CANTEN

Speakers Assail Women Who Are Trying to Have It Reinstated at Army Posts.

New York, March 25.—The W. C. T. U. started by the anti-suffragists in trying to reinstate the army canteen, broke in a storm of protest at a special meeting of the W. C. T. U., held at the Hotel Astor to-day.

Mr. Gilbert Jones, president of the National League for the Civic Education of women—the anti-suffrage organization—and her followers were roundly berated by Mrs. Ella A. Boole, president of the New York State W. C. T. U., for their vigorous campaign to reinstate the army canteen. Mrs. Boole read a copy of a letter from Mrs. Grant sent to a temperance publication last month denying the statement that she and Gen. Grant were in favor of the re-establishment of the army canteen. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, who came on from Washington especially to address the meeting, declared that "the army now is perfectly free from the influence of intoxicating liquors, and in my judgment is more temperate and free from demoralizing influences than ever before."

"To change this," said Gen. Miles, "and go back to former customs would be a step backward. It is claimed that the discontinuance of the sale of alcoholic liquors at the military posts has encouraged desertions. This I positively deny, and refer to official reports covering forty-nine years which show beyond question that during the years when all kinds of alcoholic liquors were freely sold at military posts the percentage of desertion was very much larger than it has been since their use has been discontinued. In 1861 the desertions were 412; in 1901 the desertions were 235.

Jibes Discouraged Temperance. Col. L. Merwin Maury, chief surgeon and medical director of the central division of the United States Army in Chicago, said that the majority of enlisted men to-day came from rural homes. Most of them had never tasted liquor, and to be encouraged into drinking by spears

and jibes from the soldiers' who did drink, were the canteen restored, as declared, would be a "national tragedy."

"Statistics prove," quoted Col. Maury, "that the prospect of life for a total abstainer at twenty years of age is fifty-four years, the moderate drinker sixty-one years, the heavy drinker thirty-five years, and the confirmed drunkard and thirty years."

"In my forty years in the army I have never known where liquor benefited a single man, and I have known, of thousands of which it proved their ruin."

ANACOSTIA.

The Congress Heights Citizens' Association was represented yesterday at the Capitol by Julius Marcerson, chairman of the committee on railroads, who was there to urge the withdrawal of the universal transfer measure as it now reads, and to suggest another bill for consideration. The association believes that the bill as it now reads will not accomplish the desire of the citizens and work a hardship rather than be of benefit.

For the purpose of closing business for the past year, two official boards of two Methodist Episcopal churches in this section held meetings last evening. At the Congress Heights Church the reports presented showed that that congregation was completing one of the most successful years in its history, and also that prospects for future growth were bright. The present pastor, Rev. Merritt Earle, is desired for another year. At the Anacostia Church the business of the year was closed, and same showed a remarkable growth.

A special meeting of the Daughters of the King of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was held last evening in the parish hall of that church. The purpose was to arrange for the annual convention of the order which will be held shortly when the Bethlehem Chapel at the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul is formally dedicated. One day has been assigned that organization during the week's services.

NAVAL ORDERS.

Middleton, E. A. DAVIDSON, detached Montgomery to New Hampshire. Middleton, M. A. BROWN, detached Montgomery to Nebraska. Middleton, LOBLAIN ANDERSON, detached Montgomery to South Carolina. Middleton, M. S. POSTER, detached Montgomery to Mississippi. Middleton, J. A. FLETCHER, detached Montgomery to Vermont.

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